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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

In the past, I was connected to competitive DSL which is no longer available to me. I now have access to a competitive broadband provider for my internet and phone service. Before I had this access I was subject to the wims of ATT who were constantly raising prices. As a senior, this was financially hard on me. Thinking collectively we owe lower cost access to internet and phone service, especially for seniors of limited income, people of low income, and school and libraries, and those who live in rural communities. I have relatives who live in rural communities.

Please do NOT approve AT&T's US Telecom's petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. Lower cost, competitive providers would be pushed out of access to a larger customer base which helps them keep their costs down and competitive. Accordingly, less options would be available in plans for consumers. Thank you for your serious consideration to this very important matter.

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